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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		<b>Application No.</b>	09/608,417
		<b>Filing Date</b>	June 30, 2000
		<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Reed J. Sloss
		<b>Art Unit</b>	2143
		<b>Examiner Name</b>	Thomas Duong
		<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	42390P8795

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

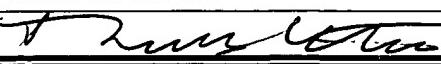
1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
 

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
 

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)	12/17/2004 HALI11 00000069 09608417
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>(\$0.00)</u>	
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ 910.00 enclosed      01 FC:1801      790.00 OP
  - c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

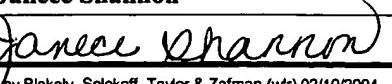
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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Thomas C. Webster	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,154
Signature			
Date	12/13/04		

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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